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Orange Campus Dedication

All RSC students, staff and faculty are invited to the opening dedication ceremony for the new facilities at the Orange Campus. The ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m. in the mall at the Orange Campus.

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RSC prepares for 'Big One'

RSC staff and students will participate in a campus-wide earthquake safety drill at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26. The emergency practice plan, designed to ensure staff and students survival in an earthquake, was developed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

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New buildings double size of Orange campus

■ EXPANSION: With the completion of 35,000 square feet of classroom and child development space, the Orange campus site has more than doubled its enrollment to 6,300 students.

By Lisa Krumes
el Don Staff Writer

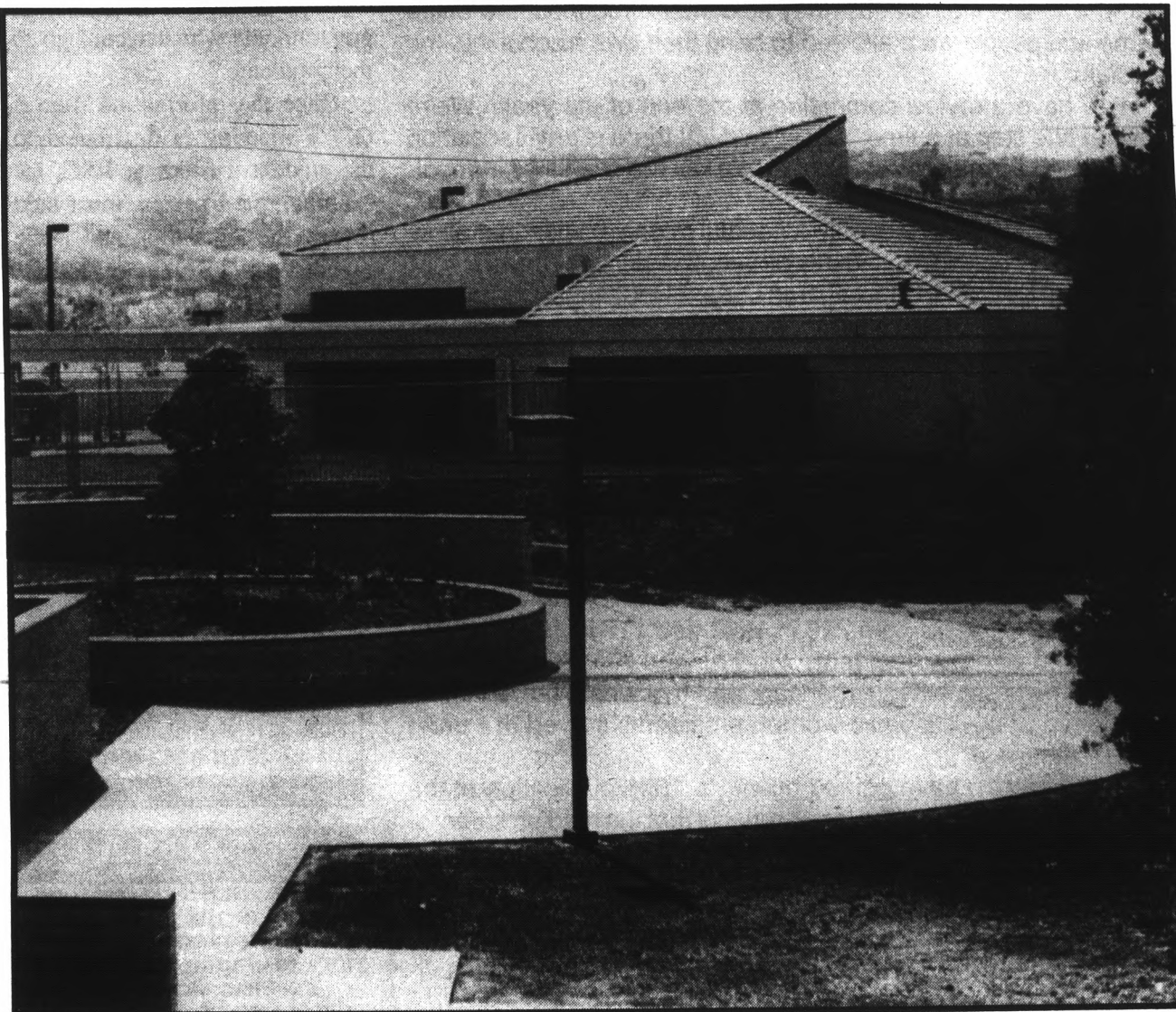
ORANGE CAMPUS- Two new buildings have been added to RSC's Orange campus site this fall, in an effort to control soaring enrollments and an expanding community, by adding a much needed instructional facility and child development center which has more than doubled the size of the east county site.

The spacious 35,000-square foot addition has made it possible for the Orange campus to greatly increase its enrollment. According to David C. Hath, Dean of the Orange Campus, "More than 6,300 students are currently enrolled. That's a 60 percent increase from last fall."

Classes that are more specialized in nature are now offered. In building D, a new dance studio, complete with mirrored walls and wooden floors allow students to choose from a variety of classes such as: dance, aerobics and ballet.

Fully mediated with video and sound equipment, the new lecture hall holds about 140 people. Music appreciation, Art history, and fire science courses are taught there, utilizing all the spaces available.

A combination architecture and design studio facilitate lecture and lab style classes. They are equipped with drafting tables and other elaborate equipment. **Please see, CAMPUS page 4**



Claudia Saucedo/ el Don photo

IT'S HERE- RSC's newest addition to the Orange campus more than doubled the capacity of the site

College plans to focus on Orange site

By Doreen Clark
el Don Staff Writer

Since the early part of this century the land where the RSC Orange Campus sits was covered by groves of orange trees.

A plan for another large campus was developed because of a commitment made by RSC's Board of Trustees in the early 1970s to serve

the communities of Orange, Villa Park and Anaheim Hills.

The site in mind, located at what is now the intersection of Chapman Avenue and Newport Boulevard, was part of a huge land acquisition obtained by the Irvine Company in the early 1870s.

When the district purchased 30 acres of land from the Irvine Company in 1979 the project be-

gan to unfold and began with the first phase of construction. This phase consisted of two buildings totaling 30,000 square feet to house classrooms and offices. A library was begun in 1983.

The doors of the new and growing campus opened to students in the fall of 1985.

In October 1988, the district **Please see, HISTORY Page 4**

Education

Cal State classroom cutbacks cause enrollment crush

Massive budget cuts, tougher standards force students to re-think college choice

By Renee Roc McGill
el Don Staff Writer

ADMINISTRATION - California state university budget cuts, tougher admission requirements, and high unemployment rates have contributed to an 11 percent enrollment increase this semester at RSC said Dr. Hal Bateman, dean of admissions and records.

Bateman said that first-time freshmen are redirecting their educational goals to attending RSC because of the difficulty they have encountered with funding reductions and tougher admission requirements at a four-year university.

"The fact that four-year schools like Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach have cut back in their en-

rollment and admissions applications has caused many of the high school students to opt for community colleges," Bateman said.

According to Bateman, the universities are implementing stricter admission requirements for first-time freshmen. He said, "Because the four-year schools have increased their basic skills requirements for admission, many high school students have opted to come here to pick up their basic requirements."

Another big factor contributing

to the 11 percent increase, Bateman said, is the unemployment rate. Many students are attending RSC to improve their skills to learn new skills necessary for success in the business world. They are finding that community colleges cater to these needs.

"The second reason (for the increase), and this is a big factor, is the fact that our unemployment has gone up, and many students are

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College Wire

Brouhaha builds over brew sales at Colorado State

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (CPS) - A debate has been brewing over the sale of suds at Colorado State University games. The final decision: beer will continue to flow in Hughes Stadium - just a little less than before.

The question of whether to discontinue sales in the stadium emerged after the school experienced problems in the stadium with fans drinking at football games.

"I think, in perspective, the problems have been large in number but small in magnitude," said Keith Miger, vice president for student affairs.

Still, in its decision to continue selling beer, the university placed some restrictions on sales. The policy states that no alcohol can be brought into the stadium, vendors cannot sell beer in the stands, a person may only buy one beer each time he or she is at the concession stand, and sales will stop at halftime.

"We're really trying to use this as an all-out campaign for behavior," Miger said. "We are trying to work with our student government to launch an educational campaign about drinking."

In past years, concessionaires could sell two beers to an individual who visited their stands, they sold beer throughout the entire game and people were allowed to bring their own alcohol into the stadium.

"We'll have a review committee at the end of the year. We're moving one step at a time," Miger said. "If there is any escalation of our alcohol problems of the past, we will halt the sales immediately."

Colorado State is one of only a handful of universities that allow beer sales in stadiums. Some others include the University of Colorado, University of Hawaii, San Diego State University and the University of California-Fullerton.

Women in higher education: More power, less money

WASHINGTON (CPS) - The number of top women administrators in college has increased dramatically in recent years, according to data collected by the Office of Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education.

Women now make up 11 percent of all presidents of 3,000 accredited colleges and universities in the United States. The data indicates that 328 women were serving as chief executive officers in December 1989, up from 296 in 1987 and 118 in 1975.

In 1989, 20 women presidents were African-American, 16 were Hispanic, two were Asian-American, and five were Native American. Seven of the Hispanic women presidents served at Puerto Rican institutions.

Though women have gained power, a 1991 publication of the Association of American Colleges reflects that the median salary of female administrators averages 41 percent less than the same for male administrators. According to one survey, the wage disparity has increased over the past two years.

Colleges Asked To Change Divestitures Policies

(CPS) - Citing recent racial reforms in South Africa, the Bush administration has urged colleges and universities to revoke policies against owning stock in companies that do business in that country.

The request came July 10 as President Bush announced that the U.S. would lift the economic sanctions that were imposed on South Africa in 1986.

"We hope that state and local governments and private institutions in the United States will take note of our action and act accordingly," Bush said.

In recent years, scores of campuses have sold off stocks in companies that do business with South Africa, including many of the country's biggest campuses. As of 1989 at least 36 institutions with endowments of more than \$50 million had totally divested and an additional 40 had partially divested, according to the Investor Responsibility Research Center, a non-profit center that provides information to institutional investors.

College officials who try to revoke divestment policies can expect strong student opposition, activists promise.

"I don't think it's time to stop divesting until everyone has a vote," said Julius Davis, president of the United States Student Association, a Washington, D.C. group representing student government. "It's still not a democratic country."

We definitely don't think it's time," said Richard Knight of the New York-based Africa Fund, which has coordinated much of the anti-apartheid activity on American campuses for 20 years. "Bush never liked the sanctions and he took the first opportunity to lift them."

Meanwhile, colleges that spent years debating divestiture policy aren't expected to suddenly reverse themselves.

Cat used as weapon in roommates' fight

TEMPE, Ariz. (CPS) - An argument between an Arizona State University student and his roommate caused the death of a cat, temporarily landed one man in jail and sent the other to the hospital.

Tempe police arrested Edward L. Treaster, 21, on Aug. 7 after he hit his roommate in the face with a cat. He is charged with assault, cruelty to animals and making threats. The cat died from the force of the blow. Treaster was sent to the Maricopa County Jail and held in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

Student Government

Sandoval elected to head student trustees

By Renee Roc McGill
el Don Staff Writer

JOHNSON CENTER - Chris Sandoval, ASB president, officially took office on Aug. 24 as California state director of student trustees, a position in which the students of the California Community College Trustees elected him.

As the director of student trustees for CCCT, Sandoval said his priority is to "disseminate information from meetings to the student trustees and try to give them the background or any necessary information they would need to disseminate that to their student governments which would go to their students."

Once the information from a CCCT meeting is distributed to the student trustees at RSC, for example, the trustees must next review the legislation and make suggestions or recommendations they find pertinent to the welfare of the student body.

The position of director was

established to provide another opportunity for a voting member to represent the students.

"The office of director of student trustees was developed to bring another person into the league of California community colleges as another voting member so they would have student representation," Sandoval said.

"This position is good for Rancho because those kinds of positions have been dominated by people (students) up north," he added. "My intention was to get Rancho's name out there. We're considered one of the best community colleges around. We have to be able to maintain what we have now, at the very least, because we don't want to go backwards."

Sandoval based his decision to run as a candidate for the position on his belief that students needed their point of view vocalized.

"It's important to me that students have their point of view put out there," he said. "I'm a student rights advocate; I have been for a

long time. I really believe that my position is a service position. I thought that I would be able to do a good job at it."

Sandoval won the election by campaigning via the mail. He completed a questionnaire providing information about himself and his qualifications and mailed the information to all 75 CCCT student trustees who reviewed the documents and voted on the candidates.

The required qualifications necessary to run as a candidate for the director of student trustees included a nomination from another student trustee and a position as a trustee. "It takes enough experience and qualifications to be elected," Sandoval said.

Sandoval wants to incorporate his experience as the director of student trustees towards succeeding in law school. He said, "You articulate better when having to represent students." Sandoval plans on attending law school after this academic year.

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CAMPUS: Child center key for students

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rate equipment.

Many general purpose classes are also offered. Courses ranging from history, psychology, and speech are part of the curriculum. New to the campus is the child development center opened to the students, staff and faculty this fall.

Children are divided into groups based on their ages and put into two separate classrooms, both having fully licensed teachers. Mother's seem to be very confident with the care their children are receiving.

Katie Albers viewed her son and classmates through the observation room and said "The children seem to respond very well to the teachers".

State funds are available for lower income families, and fees for the

center are based on a sliding scale according to the to the families size and financial status.

Teachers at the child care center focus on socialization rather than an instructional curriculum. They interact with the children to help further the child's social and learning capabilities. Extra help and guidance are given to children who need the added attention.

"We are very excited to be on the Orange campus, and continue to serve the children of students and staff," said Diane Kelley, director of the Orange campus child care facility.

Rancho Santiago College will dedicate the new instructional building and child development center at the Orange campus on September 17.

HISTORY:

District will seek further expansion of Orange site

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purchased an additional 22 acres from the Irvine Company for the second phase and started construction in 1990. This phase involved the 5,000 square foot Child Development Center and the "D" building which has additional classrooms. They estimate this expansion to accommodate an additional 7,000 students. The new phase opened with the start of classes this fall. Some classes that have come to the Orange Campus because of the recent expansion include architecture, dance and physical fitness.

Figures of student attendance show that last year the Orange Campus

had 4,200 students and records from the first week of fall show 6,300 students attending.

Overall student reaction to the new buildings and the campus is positive. Julie Frank, 27, likes taking classes at the Orange Campus because it is less crowded. She said, "it's nicer and closer to where I live, and parking at the other campus is a mess." She likes having classes in the new "D" building.

"[The campus] is in a good position...the Santa Ana Campus is busier and crowded," stated a returning student, Fernando Keller, 24. Luis Estrada, 18, takes classes at the Santa Ana and the Orange Campus and says, "I like the smaller classes at this campus."

According to Robert Partridge, administrative dean of Facility

Planning, the district has an option with the Irvine Company for 35 more acres. The total cost of the campus to date including land acquisition, building and parking lot construction and furnishings is about \$20 million.

Continuation of the expansion depends on the state capital outlay from which the building funds are allocated.

When finished, the campus will be bordered by Newport Boulevard, Santiago Canyon Road, Jamboree Road, and Chapman Avenue.

The current master plan consists of a total of 85 acres which will include sports facilities and fields, a larger library, a student center, and buildings for the major fields of study such as applied sciences, business, fine and performing arts and humanities.

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opting to come to community colleges to pick up other skills at this point in time," said Bateman.

To help accommodate the increase of students, Bateman said that RSC added a 2 percent increase in new classes. Most of the new classes have been added at the Orange campus. He said, "We added about a 50 percent increase in classes at the Orange campus overall. But district wide, we're up about 2 percent. Many schools were cutting back at this time. We tried not to cut back and tried to handle the student increase."

Several students attending RSC this semester said that although more classes were offered, they nevertheless experienced difficulty registering for the courses they needed.

Tracy Everett, a fire technology major, said that he registered through the mail about one month prior to the first day of classes and only received one out of the four classes he wanted.

Bateman said, "We found that our basic skills classes filled up the quickest, like English and math. Those classes that are basic skills are where the great need is. We had over 70 percent of our classes filled, so it would be difficult for a new student who registered late to get what he or she wants."

Crissy Gonzales, a cosmetology student, said, "You have to register early. If you don't, you won't get the classes you want."

To better prepare for next semester, Bateman suggests that students who are continuing into the spring take advantage of telephone registration. He said, "We've added four more lines to our telephone registration because of the demand that's out there. Telephone registration has really become very popular. We've registered about 9000 students by telephone for this semester. This is about the third semester we've done it, and each time it gets a little more popular."



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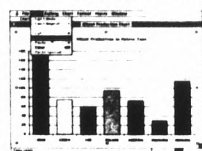
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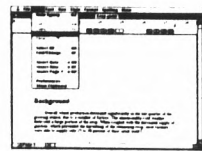
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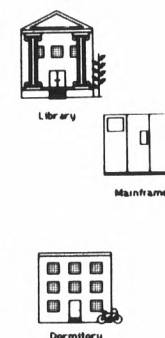
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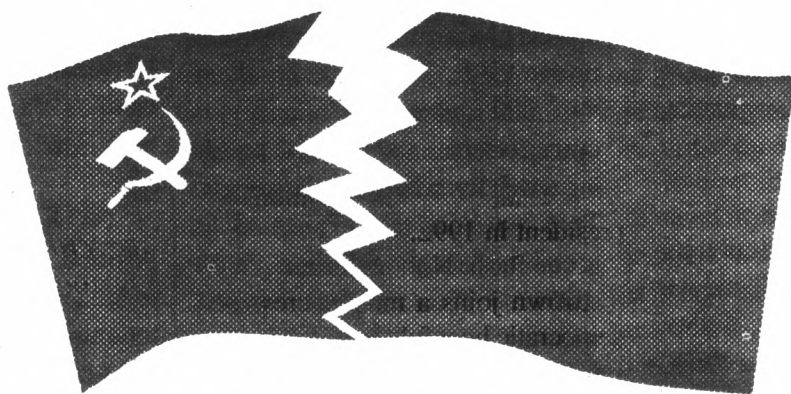
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Soviet Students in U.S. Uncertainty Follows 70 Hours of Fear



On a hot, mid-August morning, a friend of Lena Mikhailova hand-delivered a bagful of letters from friends and family in Moscow. While she delightedly opened her mail, he regaled her with stories of the new, open lifestyle in the Soviet Union.

One week later, the Colgate University senior sat numbly in front of a television set watching in disbelief as tanks rolled through Russian city streets. "It was so shocking," she said. "He said life there was so interesting, so active. We just didn't expect this to happen."

The feelings Mikhailova expressed were familiar to many other Soviet students on American campuses. First, the shocking news of Mikhail Gorbachev's ouster, then collapse of the coup in a matter of days, followed by swift potential changes produced an emotional roller-coaster ride for students and exchange program officials.

"The coup will have a huge impact on the Soviet economy - it will affect all the world in one way or another," said Andrei Rukavishnikov, a Soviet Student at Hope College.

Mikhailova, who lives with Americans Joe and Gean Thuneur, two former Colgate professors, said she was fortunate to have their support during a time of great uncertainty. "I don't know what would have happened, living in a dorm by myself. These are my adopted parents right now."

The soft-spoken student admits her first reaction to the news of Gorbachev's ouster was panic. "Actually, I wanted to go home. I didn't have the money for the air ticket."

"It took me two hours to get through to my parents by phone. My father said he didn't want me to come back right now. They wouldn't tell me very much. I guess they don't want me to get nervous."

Although the failure of the nearly three-day coup eased immediate concerns, Mikhailova, who is majoring in geology, said she still feared the loss of lives. "All of this could lead to tragic, unpredictable circumstances. I'm trying, however, not to exaggerate things."

Mikhailova, who originally came to the Hamilton, N.Y. university last year on an exchange program, convinced Colgate administrators that she needed to stay a second year to improve her English.

When reports of the coup began to surface, she and school officials at Colgate expressed concern over whether two Soviet exchange students expected at the university this fall would be able to travel to the U.S. as planned.

At Hope College, Tom Renner, the public relations director, complained that he has acquired a "cauliflower ear" having to respond to telephone inquiries about the 19 Soviet students who recently arrived there for their first year in the United States.

Located in Holland, Mich., the time tunnel arts college (enrollment 2,800) has one of the most unusual Soviet exchange programs in the country. As many as 200 Russian students apply for 20 corporate scholarships each year.

The students, who must be proficient in English, did not know one another before boarding a plane for the United States. The Russian newcomers spent the first week with American families in a "Homestay" off-campus program.

"There is much anxiety here," Renner said. "The students are viewing this situation with a lot of uncertainty. Of course,

there is concern for their families, and their future - now and in the distant future."

A feeling of guarded relief mixed with appreciation for the outpouring of sympathy and support from Americans spread over the campus at news that the coup had failed.

"I cannot believe how supportive Americans have been this week," says Rukavishnikov, who was with his adopted family during the tense hours of the coup. "I was hoping they would (be). People have met me warmly and shared with me."

"I am scared," admitted Katya Pokrovskaya, a 19 year-old Hope College student from Moscow, on hearing that the coup was crumbling. "I suspect that (the coup) doesn't involve really serious consequences now - but I think a lot of people will still suffer."

"Coup leaders will try to make people quarrel among each other. The KGB, in spite of this collapse, still poses a lot of power," she said. "It could be very frightful."

"Pokrovskaya says she was watching television when a bulletin flashed on the screen. She has since contacted her parents, who attempted to assuage her fears. "They say everyone was calm," she continued, "and that many ordinary people are not involved. They just walked by the barricades."

The young Russian, who wants to study

British and American history while at Hope College, says that while Americans should not interfere in the Soviet Union's domestic problems, they should "throw political and financial support behind the democratic movement."

Like Soviet students, officials of American student exchange programs in Russia are also monitoring the news closely. William Gertz Sr., vice president of marketing at the American Institute for Foreign Study, says he was deluged with calls from students who planned to travel to the Soviet Union in the fall.

"We don't have anyone over there right now," said Gertz, whose one-semester program is affiliated with a university in Leningrad. "But we do have a group of about 40 going over in the fall. All systems are go - unless we get a State Department advisory."

Gertz says AIFS keeps a resident director in Leningrad and has a close relationship with the embassy and State Department. "Our job is to keep everyone calm, and not let rumors get in the way of reality."

"Over the past five or six years, we've seen every kind of situation. For instance, the Libyan situation."

This is not a new thing for us," says Gertz, who notes that the AIFS has a 20-year history of coordinating student exchange programs in 15 different countries.

A group of 11 students and a resident director from the University of Ohio at Columbus, Ohio, were anxiously awaiting news from the Soviet Union. They were scheduled to leave the United States at the end of August.

"We feel it would be premature to cancel," says Rosa-Maria Comanick, academic program coordinator, Slavic and Eastern European Language and Literature Department.

"There is so little information. But these students have invested not just money, but time and effort."

"It (the coup) affects everything. We have the oldest exchange with the Soviet Union in the United States. We've sent 538 students from 137 colleges and universities over there."

Hall is 'Linc' between chancellors

By Claudia Saucedo
el Don Feature Editor

Lincoln Herbert Hall was selected on June 10 to serve as interim chancellor of RSC until a new one could be chosen by the board of trustees.

He is a man of warm amiable strength and sincerity. Jan McCain, secretary for Hall was delighted to mention that he is one of the "nicest, most considerate people with whom I have ever had to work with."

Aside from the love for his work, Hall is a man with great love for his family. He has two daughters, one son, and eight grandchildren.

"I am delighted with the job that he has done. Several staff members have complemented me and several other members of the board on our choice," John Dowden, clerk for the Board of Trustees said.

Hall was selected from a list of six potential candidates given from the Association of Community College Trustees.

Formerly Superintendent/President of the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Hall started his new position on July 1. He will return to Visalia to be with his family as soon as our new chancellor, Vivian Blevins takes office on Nov. 4.

According to Hall, the biggest challenge here at Rancho Santiago has been "the complexity of this institution." He admits to being impressed with the faculty here at RSC. His message to all students is, "get to know the faculty; they are student oriented and concerned with helping students."

Hall agrees that a great problem has been working without knowing how long his stay would be. It has been challenging for him not being able to start major projects or join too many teaching functions.

Hall has a baccalaureate degree in business/economics from UCLA, a Master of Arts in economics from Claremont Graduate School, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from USC.

Hall served as Superintendent/President of the college of the Sequoias in Visalia and formerly served as President of Kings River Community College.

Among the teaching functions he has been involved with in Visalia has been the Rotary Club, president of the YMCA, and business education committees.

Hall enjoys reading and exercising at the athletic room here on campus. He loves to travel extensively with his family.

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STAFF EDITORIALS

Do we really need two theater programs?

RSC has two theater programs: the regular theater department and the Professional Actors Conservatory, a special program for advanced students.

At the end of the Spring Semester, the fate of the PAC was uncertain. A budget proposal would have ended the program abruptly, leaving first-year students stranded with only half their two-year program completed.

Administrators were able to find ways to juggle their budgets, staffs and facilities to keep the program alive for another year, and the Board decided to go along with their recommendations. Board members and administrators said that RSC will never abandon students half-way through a program.

Not only were continuing students assured of the opportunity to complete the program, but a new group of first-year students was recruited. Administrators plan to decide next spring whether to keep the program alive even longer.

We applaud the Board's and administrators' decision to continue the program for last year's students, but question the wisdom of recruiting another first-year class. PAC is an expensive drain on the RSC budget. We don't need two theater departments.

Clarence Thomas is no Thurgood Marshall

If Thurgood Marshall had never sat on the Supreme Court, he would still have an importance place in the history of the struggle for human rights. His work on the school desegregation cases, *Brown v. Board of Education*, would have been enough for that. He went on to win more victories for civil rights, then served as a judge and the Solicitor General of the US, before being named to the high court.

Judge Clarence Thomas, who has been nominated to replace Marshall on the high court, has rather different qualifications for the job—he is a Black Republican lawyer with a reliably conservative ideology. If his appointment is confirmed by the Senate, he is expected to vote to further restrict, rather than expand, legal rights.

Thomas's nomination is opposed by many civil rights, religious, labor and legal organizations. The American Bar Association rates Thomas as "Qualified," but this is hardly a ringing endorsement, since even the mediocre David Souter received a "Highly Qualified" rating from the ABA.

Ironically, Thomas's acceptance of President Bush's nomination to the US Supreme Court shows that Thomas is not qualified to sit on the high court.

Both Bush and Thomas say—quite rightly—that racial quotas should have no place in American life. Yet both of them are willing to make an exception when the former nominates the latter for a seat on the Supreme Court.

If Thomas really believes that the reason Bush nominated him is that he is the very best person for the job—if he really believes that Bush would have nominated him even if the vacancy had been created by the death or resignation one of the other (white) justices—then his grasp of reality is so lacking that that alone should disqualify him. If Thomas accepted the nomination knowing full well that Bush is likely to have taken his race into account, then he is taking advantage of a *de facto* racial quota—an advantage that he would deny to others—and his sense of honesty and fairness are so deficient that that, too, should disqualify him.

Shortly after he announced his resignation, Marshall warned against using race as a "ploy" or "excuse" to pick the "wrong negro" as his replacement. We believe that Thomas is not the right person to sit where Marshall sat.

Whither the Democratic Party?

The presidential race has finally begun. Does anybody care?

By Paul D. Hughes
el Don Staff Writer

News flash: Former California Governor Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown has announced that he will seek the Democratic Party's nomination for president in 1992.

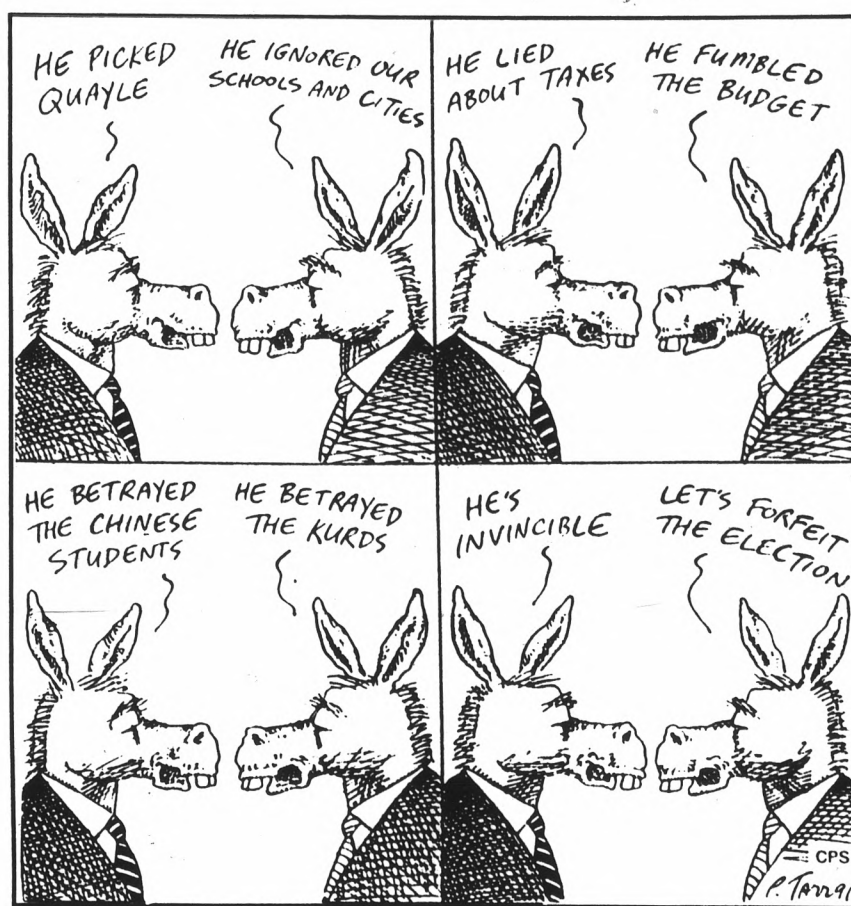
News flash: Nobody cares.

Brown joins a motley crew of democratic hopefuls including Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder, former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and Larry Agran, whose last elected office was mayor...of Irvine. Senators Tom Harkin of Iowa and Bob Kerry of Nebraska may soon announce the start of their campaigns as well.

Most of the names on that list call to mind the phrase that started appearing at New Orleans Saints' football games a few years back when they began to actually win some games: "Who dat?!"

Nobody knows these guys; nobody cares that they are running, and nobody, electorally speaking, is going to vote for them. Several of them have stated that their motive for entering the race was to make a statement. The actual thrust of those statements is unclear, but presumably we shall hear more about them in future months. As far as winning, well, let's hear it for Pyrrhic victories.

Let's face it folks. Whether or not we like George Bush, we should start getting used to the fact that he will basically be BMOG (Big Man On Continent) until 1996. And Dan Quayle is heir apparent. Don't think that I am particularly fond of Bush. But the Democrats have about as much chance of winning 40 percent of the vote next year as



the California Angels do of winning 40 percent of their games during the same stretch.

Howzabout a look at these guys. Agran: Nobody outside of the state even knows where (or what) Irvine is. Some people in the state aren't quite sure. Wilder: Newly elected governor of a state with less electoral pull than West Texas wants to jump across the Potomac to the White House. Brown: He'd probably refuse to live in the White House but maybe Linda Ronstadt would take him back. Clinton: The Arkansas Razorbacks football team has a better chance at consensus #1 than he's got to be president. Harkin and Kerry: can't tell the difference. Neither will voters. Paul Tsongas: I dunno. Do you think perhaps that an ethnic, technocratic, liberal democrat from Massachusetts with a last name that nobody can pronounce will remind us of anyone special?

So you see it's pretty much

looking like "four more years" will not only be the cry of the GOP -- it'll be the wail of a lot of voters who won't have any other choice. It's not that voters don't like the Democrats (although, after 30 years of basically uninterrupted Republican domination of the presidency I am beginning to think that may be true), it's just that they don't know them.

But no, we'll stick with George. He's boring, sure. But at least we know what to expect from him. And a country that consistently returns congressmen to office despite their voting to double their salaries in roughly ten years can't care too much about seeing things change.

About the only fun we'll be getting over the course of the next election campaign is watching to see which one of the democrats wins the nomination. One of them has to. Hope that doesn't keep you up at night.

Limiting appeals in capital cases will result in deaths of innocent people

By William Stewart Thomblison
el Don Editorial & Opinion Editor

Clarence Brandley spent ten years under sentence of death in a Texas prison for the rape and murder of a 16-year-old white girl at a high school. Brandley was innocent.

Brandley was the only black janitor on duty at the school when the girl was killed. That seems to have been the only reason for his arrest.

In 1987, shortly before Brandley was to be executed, another person who had been working at the school the day the girl was killed admitted that he had seen two white janitors drag the girl away. The witness had not come forward because he was ashamed to admit his cowardice in failing to stop the other two men and, he said, because a Texas Ranger had threatened to jail him if he did not go along with the prosecution.

If President George Bush, Governor Pete Wilson, and Chief Justice Renquist have their way, we won't be hearing of cases like Brandley's.

Bush, Wilson and Renquist do not have any plans to eliminate or even reduce miscarriages of justice. What they want, and what many police officers and prosecutors want, is to restrict appeals in capital cases. Once somebody has been sentenced to death, they want him fried, gassed, hanged, or injected with a lethal dose of poison rather than have him sit in death-row for years while lawyers clog the courts with appeals.

No human institution is perfect. The appeals process is supposed to allow us to find errors and correct them. But both the search for errors and the possibility of rectifying them ends when a death-sentence is carried out.

Brandley's case is not an isolated one. One expert estimates that 1 in ten cases that goes to a jury results in the conviction of an innocent person.

Limiting the appeals a condemned person is allowed would make it more likely that innocent people will be executed but less likely that we will ever find out about it.

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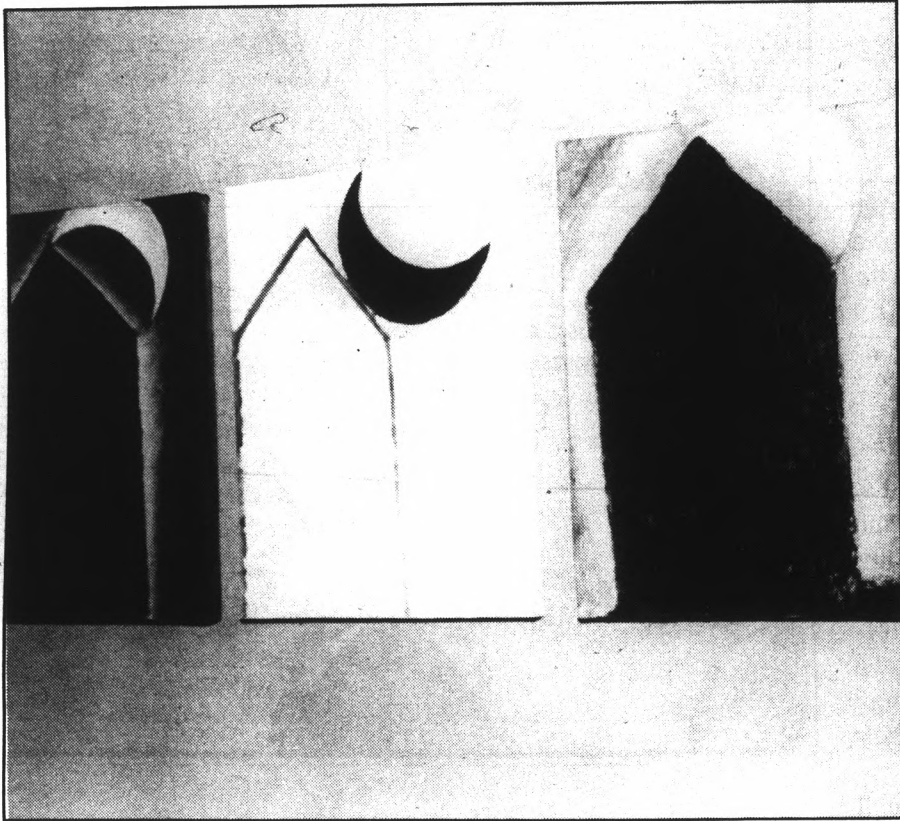
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Don't be afraid of The Dark

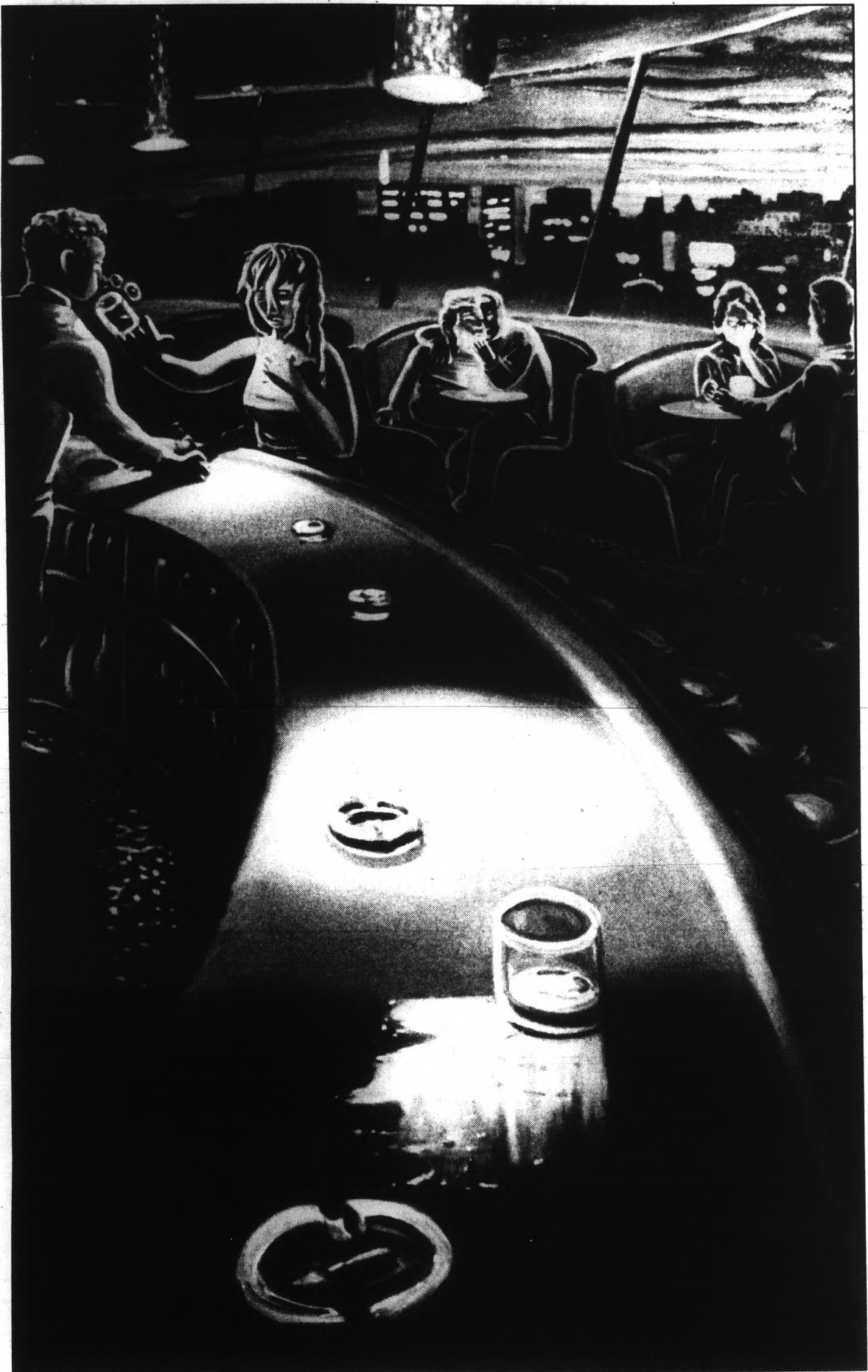
"The Edge of Night: A Guided Tour," is on display now through September 22 at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center in Fullerton.

The show features 33 nationally known and local artists working in photography, paintings, sculpture, sight-specific installations and three-dimensional compositions.

Jim Reed, curator, explains that the exhibit "takes us from twilight, when the heat and stress of the day come to an end, into areas of uncertainty. Through the exhibition, the night is transformed from a time of peace into a time of shadowy figures and shady experiences, until, once again, we are brought into the darkest hours just before dawn."

The Muckenthaler gallery is open from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon 'til 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center is located at 1201 W. Malvern Ave., west of Euclid Street, in Fullerton. Further information may be obtained by calling (714) 738-6595.



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NIGHT LIFE- Oil on canvas by Robert Yarber 1988, depicts cross-section of urban life after sunset.

Gallery Review

Natural Perceptions: It's two, two, two exhibits in one

By Paul D. Hughes
el Don Staff Writer

'Culture,' is defined by Webster as "the act of developing the intellectual and moral faculties...enlightenment acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training..."

The best place to find culture on campus is an art exhibit entitled "Natural Perceptions" located in the first floor gallery of Building C, RSC main campus.

Lynn Aldrich's half of the exhibit is "Altarwings: The Birds of America." The first image is jarring: a jumbo jet in a cage. But this is nothing compared to what awaits us in the exhibit's main room: a whole wall of bird wings on gold leaf paper. They looked so real, then beautifully drawn.

They are, in fact, pages from a book. And they are captivating. They are pictures within a picture -- each drawing is the size of a regular sheet of paper. The entire wall can also be viewed as a single offering.

Samantha Wong, a freshman from Placen-

tia, came to the exhibit because she was curious. Leon Lim, also a freshman, accompanied her. "She didn't draw birds," said Wong, "but I feel and see birds."

Lim was thoughtful, "I feel a fear of separation because it's only wings and not birds. And all the wings are going in different directions." He compares the caged airplane and the wings, seeing a possible statement about city noise and the countryside. "Maybe she likes quiet things."

The second portion of the exhibit, "Atom and Eve" by Michael Davis, addresses such concepts as the origin of the universe, time, and man's changing relationship to nature. Adam and the atom. Eve (the name means "life") and earth.

Exhibition Curator Gene Ogami describes the exhibit as "two installations...that have a strong grounding in nature juxtaposed with elements of scientific investigation."

In other words: culture. On display until October 5th.



THE POWER OF THE ATOM: Michael Davis' "Atom and Eve" and Lynn Aldrich's "Alter Wings" are on display in the RSC gallery of Bldg.P C until Oct. 4.

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THEY SAID IT...

"It's really frustrating when they send a white guy in to run for you."

-Bo Jackson, after getting a base hit and being replaced by pinch-runner Mike Huff in a recent White Sox game

IT'S A FACT

Heroes come and go. This week, the California Angels released two legends in the form of Dave Parker and Fernando Valenzuela and hired one in Whitey Herzog.

Paul Hughes

Cummings volleying for competitive team

Fran Cummings, first-year women's volleyball coach, begins to talk about her team's prospects for this season. A few minutes into the conversation you begin to draw involuntarily parallels between what she faces this season and what a fellow named David faced a couple thousand years ago against this other guy...by the name of Goliath.

Cummings' team stands gamely at the start of what is known in the sports world as 'a rebuilding year.' Consider: Of seven players from last year's squad, two girls transferred and three rendered themselves academically ineligible. Then, Irma Escoto, a 5'9" middle blocker, got in a car accident on the way to school. Finally, RSC is in a division containing Saddleback and Orange Coast College, both teams with perennially strong programs, as well as Golden West, last year's state champions. Start dusting off that sling, David.

"Volleyball is very competitive in Southern California," says Cummings, "but all of the girls are working really hard." She mentions some names: Lilia Ramirez and Sally Jimenez are the setters; Escoto and Kim Burfening are middle blockers.

"I got hired in June," Cummings said, "and recruiting was difficult at that point. But we had a good showing at the tryouts and right now there are nine girls on the team."

Cummings has coached volleyball before, including stints at Saddleback and Cal State Fullerton. But RSC volleyball is as new to her as it is to her players. "They come right out of high school," she says, "and it's a whole new system, new teammates and a new coach. A lot of hard work is going into this season."

The team is jumping (and bumping and setting and spiking) right into the pre-season by hosting a 25-team tournament at Rancho Santiago on Saturday, September 21. "It's the biggest thing we're doing before league play starts in October," she says, "it starts at 9 a.m. and should go all day, perhaps until 8 or 9 o'clock at night."

She has definite long-term plans to build on the foundations being laid this year. Women's volleyball is exciting because it has that 'newness' about it.

The Dons' first Orange Empire Conference match will be against Orange Coast, at Orange Coast on Wednesday Oct. 9. Their first home game will be on Oct. 11 against Cypress. Game times are both 7 p.m.

SPECIAL SERIES

SOCCER: A Season of Discontent

Last year, controversy rocked the Dons from a winning season; this year they are locked in a battle to reclaim their integrity as a team and prove what they weren't allowed to last year...

PART 1

By Dan Tratensek
Special to el Don

At the beginning of last season, Dons' soccer coach J.P. Frutos was lauded for having assembled a team that was arguably the finest in the Orange Empire Conference and perhaps the state.

The Dons' had amassed a winning record and sat in the conference driver's seat leaving their nearest opponent Orange Coast College resting in their rear view mirror. The Dons seemed destined to coast to at least, a conference championship.

However, just as Frutos' team seemed to be tightening their strangle hold on the rest of the OEC, on Oct. 15 a radical turn of events came to a head; causing the Dons season to screech to an abrupt and disquieting halt.

The series of events unfolded during the first week of October when the Dons lost Mid-fielder Eddie Buenrostro and Forward Jose Vasquez, two of the team's top scorers, because of their alleged violations of conference rules.

These charges spawned a controversy that would leave the Dons season up in the air and eventually lead to a shake up in one of RSC's most successful sports.

According to OEC commission reports, both players had violated a policy stating

that no player is allowed to compete in outside league play while they are an active member of the college team.

While Buenrostro allegedly admitted to the committee that he was guilty of the violation, Vasquez gave no such admission of guilt and no viable evidence was submitted to the committee proving otherwise.

In fact, the only evidence that the OEC commission cited for their suspension of Vasquez was passed on to them, second hand from a OCC soccer player who claimed to have seen Vasquez playing at a weekend game.

However, in the commission's final recommendation, both players were suspended and the Dons were asked to forfeit their remaining five games.

Then, in answer to the commission's verdict, the team, in an act of solidarity, forfeited their entire season protesting what they felt was improper treatment of their teammates by both the commission and RSC's athletic department.

The outcome of the investigation also left some college officials including Frutos and David Dobos, dean of student services at RSC, questioning the committees' findings and the curious methods they used to obtain their information.

"The investigation was not handled correctly, it was not handled by people who are

aware of laws, due process, presentation of evidence," said Dobos. "Team players still feel falsely accused (and so does) J.P. (Frutos)."

At the time, accusations were being kicked about that, among other things, OCC Athletic Director Barry Wallace had added fuel to the scandal and had pushed for Buenrostro and Vasquez' suspensions and that then RSC Athletic Director Roger Wilson failed to properly represent the team.

"Roger (Wilson) verbally scolded the players...but he wanted them to play. The players felt that Roger Wilson should have defended them better," said Dobos.

According to some, this alleged lack of support from the college coupled with the questionable investigation left a pall hanging over the Dons' entire season.

"Buenrostro admitted to playing, but the league could not make any decisions based on the facts about Vasquez," said Frutos. "They made decisions based on gut feelings. They did such a poor job. It (was) just very difficult to accept."

Next Issue: Part Two of Dan Tratensek's look into the questionable circumstances surrounding the Dons' ill-fated 1990 season and their come back in 1991.

Debi Carr and Celia Shakibai contributed to the research of this story.

SPORTSLINE

Injury opens door for Crayton

After suffering a knee sprain in the second half of USC's losing effort against Memphis State, the Trojans have announced that running back Mazio Royster is not likely to play in this weekend's game against Penn State.

Royster's injury opens the door for former RSC standout Estrus Crayton to get in some significant playing time

against a highly touted Nittany Lions defense.

Crayton, who transferred to Southern Cal after breaking nearly every Don rushing record and earning all-conference honors two years in a row, has received limited playing time despite high marks from the SC coaching staff.

While at Rancho Crayton rushed for over 2,400 yards becoming the Dons' all-time leading rusher. He also raced for over 4,000 all-purpose yards, setting a mark as the second highest in California history.

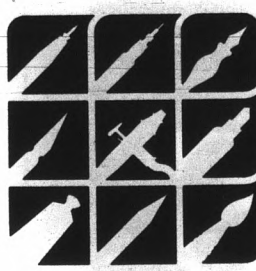
Special el Don football preview

For the next issue the el Don sports staff has prepared a special Don football package that will give you the low-down on the Dons 1991 team.

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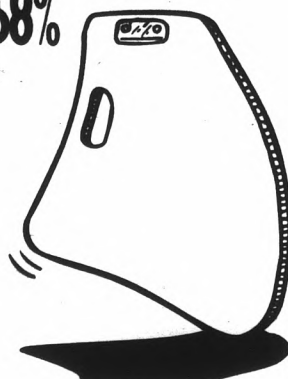
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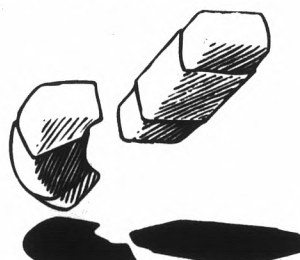


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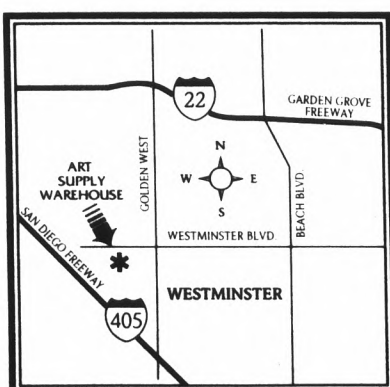
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